AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIM:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned Application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1   (currently amended)   A computer-based method performed in a first transaction-tax-related application of a first program controlled apparatus, the method comprising the step of:

exchanging transaction-related data with at least a second transaction-tax-related application of a second program controlled apparatus according to a standardized transaction-tax interface data model.

Claim 2   (currently amended)   The method [of] set forth in claim 1, wherein the first transaction-tax-related application uses a first application-specific data model, the method further comprising the step of:

mapping data elements of the first application-specific data model to data elements of the standardized transaction-tax interface data model, or vice versa.

Claim 3   (currently amended)   The method [of] set forth in claim 2, being further performed in the second transaction-tax-related application, which uses a second application-specific data model, the method comprising the step of:

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mapping data elements which are exchanged according to the standardized transaction-tax interface model to data elements of the second application-specific data model, or vice versa.

Claim 4   (currently amended)   The method [of] set forth in claim 3, wherein the first and second application-specific data models are different from the standardized transaction-tax interface model.

Claim 5   (currently amended)   The method [of] set forth in claim 3, wherein the first and second application-specific data models are different from each other.

Claim 6   (currently amended)   The method [of] set forth in claim 1, wherein the first transaction-tax-related application uses a first application-specific data model, [said] the first application-specific data model correspond[s]ing to the standardized transaction-tax interface data model.

Claim 7   (currently amended)   A computer-based method performed in a transaction-tax-related data warehouse application, the method comprising the step of:

storing transaction-related data received from at least one other transaction-tax-related application in a data warehouse of a program controlled apparatus according to a standardized transaction-tax data warehouse data model.

Claim 8   (currently amended)   The method [of] set forth in claim 7, further comprising the step of exchanging transaction-related data stored or to be stored in the data warehouse with the other transaction-tax-related application according to a standardized transaction-tax interface data model.

Claim 9   (currently amended)   The method [of] set forth in claim 8, wherein the tax-related data warehouse data model has a set of transaction-tax-related data elements and the standardized transaction-tax interface data model has a set of transaction-tax-related data elements, wherein the set of transaction-tax-related data elements of the tax-related data warehouse data model comprises, equals or is a subset of the set of transaction-tax-related data elements of a standardized transaction-tax interface data model.

Claim 10   (currently amended)   The method [of] set forth in claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and the second transaction-tax-related transaction applications are one of the following modules:

i) a transaction tax logging module,

ii) a transaction tax compliance module,

iii) a transaction tax filing module,

iv) a transaction tax calculation module,

v) a transaction tax content module, and

vi) a transaction tax database for storing transaction-related data.

Claim 11   (currently amended)   The method [of] set forth in claim 1, wherein at

least one of the first and the second transaction-tax-related applications is one of a basic

and a micro service module.

Claim 12   (currently amended)   The method [of] set forth in claim 2, wherein the

way the mapping is governed is defined by rules that are configurable by a user.

Claim 13   (currently amended)   The method [of] set forth in claim 12, wherein

the rules are implemented by a lookup table.

Claim 14   (currently amended)   A memory device of a program controlled

apparatus housing a data record according to a standardized transaction-tax interface data

model, the data record comprising transaction-related data items, for the data exchange

between transaction-tax-related applications or modules.

Claim 15   (currently amended)   The data record [of] set forth in claim 14,

wherein the transaction-tax interface data model, on which the data record is based, is

defined so as to provide data elements at least for a first jurisdiction and a second

jurisdiction, wherein the transaction-tax interface data model has at least one first data

element which is used for the first jurisdiction, but is not used for the second jurisdiction,

and at least one second data element which is used for the second jurisdiction, but is not

used for the first jurisdiction.

Claim 16   (currently amended)   The data record [of] set forth in claim 14, which is exchanged as an argument when a transaction-tax-related application or module is invoked.

Claim 17   (currently amended)   The data record [of] set forth in claim 16, wherein the transaction-tax-related application or module is invoked by an HTTP request, and the exchanged argument is an XML document forming a part of the HTTP request.

Claim 18   (currently amended)   A program controlled apparatus having a software interface for linking a first transaction-tax-related application with at least a second transaction-tax-related application, wherein the interface [being] is implemented such that data [are] is exchangeable between the first and the second transaction-tax-related application according to a standardized trans-action-tax interface data model.

Claim 19   (currently amended)   The software interface [of] set forth in claim 18, wherein the first transaction-tax-related application uses a first application-specific data model, the software interface comprising a first mapping component for mapping data elements of the first application-specific data model to data elements according to the standardized transaction-tax interface data model, or vice versa.

Claim 20   (currently amended)   The software interface [of] set forth in claim 18, wherein the second transaction-tax-related application uses a second application-specific data model, the software interface comprising a second mapping component for mapping

data elements, which are exchanged according to the standardized transaction-tax interface model, to data elements of a second application-specific data model, or vice versa.

Claim 21 (currently amended) The software interface [of] set forth in claim 20, wherein the first and second application-specific data models are different from the standardized transaction-tax interface model.

Claim 22 (currently amended) The software interface [of] set forth in claim 20, wherein the first and second application-specific data models are different from each other.

Claim 23 (currently amended) The software interface [of] set forth in claim 18, wherein the first transaction-tax-related application uses a first application-specific data model, said first application-specific data model corresponds to the standardized transaction-tax interface data model.

Claim 24 (currently amended) A memory device of a program controlled apparatus, the device housing a computer-based data warehouse module[,] configured for storing transaction-related data received from at least one other transaction-tax-related application according to a standardized transaction-tax data warehouse data model.

Claim 25 (currently amended) The module [of] set forth in claim 24,

comprising a software interface for linking the data warehouse module with at least a second transaction-tax-related application, said software interface being implemented such that data [are] is exchangeable between the data warehouse application module and the second transaction-tax-related application according to a standardized transaction-tax interface data model.

Claim 26   (currently amended)   The module [of] set forth in claim 25, wherein the tax-related data warehouse data model has a set of transaction-tax-related data elements and the standardized transaction-tax interface data model has a set of transaction-tax-related data elements, the set of transaction-tax-related data elements of the tax-related data warehouse data model comprises, equals or is a subset of the set of transaction-tax-related data elements of the standardized transaction-tax interface data model.

Claim 27   (currently amended)   The interface [of] set forth in claim 18, wherein at least one of the first and second transaction-tax-related transaction applications are one of the following modules:

i) a transaction tax logging service module,

ii) a transaction tax compliance module,

iii) a transaction tax filing module,

iv) a transaction tax calculation module,

v) a transaction tax content module, and

vi) a transaction tax database for storing transaction-related data.

Claim 28 (currently amended) The interface [of] <u>set forth in</u> claim 18, wherein at least one of the first and second transaction-tax-related applications is one of a basic and a micro service module.

Claim 29 (currently amended) The interface [of] <u>set forth in</u> claim 18, wherein the mapping component enables a user to input and configure rules which define how the data element mapping is performed.

Claim 30 (currently amended) The interface [of] <u>set forth in</u> claim 29, wherein the rules are implemented via a lookup table.

Claim 31 (currently amended) The module [of] <u>set forth in</u> claim 24, wherein at least one of the first and second transaction-tax-related transaction applications are one of the following modules:

i) a transaction tax logging service module,

ii) a transaction tax compliance module,

iii) a transaction tax filing module,

iv) a transaction tax calculation module,

v) a transaction tax content module, and

vi) a transaction tax database for storing transaction-related data.

Claim 32 (currently amended) The module [of] <u>set forth in</u> claim 24, wherein at